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[*on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/52/647)*]

52/155. Draft guiding principles for international negotiations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations concerning the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of cooperation among States, as well as Article 13, paragraph 1, of the Charter, whereby the General Assembly is called upon to initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of promoting international cooperation,

Taking into account the objectives of the United Nations Decade of International Law,

Reaffirming the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,[1]

Bearing in mind that in their negotiations States should be guided by the relevant principles of international law,

Bearing in mind the important role that constructive and effective negotiations can play in attaining the purposes of the Charter by contributing to the management of international relations, the peaceful settlement of disputes and the creation of new international norms of conduct of States,

Noting that the identification and harmonization of guiding principles for international negotiations could contribute to enhancing the predictability of negotiating parties, reducing uncertainty and promoting an atmosphere of trust at negotiations, and could offer a frame of reference for negotiations,

Having considered the sub-item entitled "Draft guiding principles for international negotiations",

[1] Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

1. *Underlines* the importance of conducting effective negotiations in managing international relations, in the peaceful settlement of disputes and in the creation of new international norms of conduct of States;

2. *Takes note* of the draft guiding principles for international negotiations contained in document A/52/141 and the comments and proposals made during the consideration of the question, including the need for its further consideration;

3. *Decides* to continue the consideration of the question in the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly;

4. *Invites* all States and relevant international organizations to submit in writing to the Secretary-General, before 1 August 1998, comments and proposals on the content of the draft guiding principles for international negotiations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the comments and proposals mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 4 above to the Working Group for its consideration;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session, under the item entitled "United Nations Decade of International Law", the sub-item entitled "Draft guiding principles for international negotiations".

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